2004 Median Earnings by Educational Attainment Level and Sex Median earnings in the past 12 months (2004 inflation-adjusted dollars)

	Total	Margin of Error	Male	Margin of Error	Female	Margin of Error
Total population 25 years and over with earnings						
Kentucky	\$26,862	+/-\$479	\$32,487	+/-\$926	\$21,136	+/\$-469
United States	\$31,132	+/-\$77	\$37,221	+/-\$116	\$25,091	+/-\$111
Less than high school graduate						
Kentucky	\$16,272	+/-\$858	\$20,174	+/-\$1,639	\$11,463	+/-\$1,198
United States	\$18,144	+/-\$216	\$21,760	+/-\$159	\$13,280	+/-\$232
High school graduate (includes equivalency)						
Kentucky	\$22,828	+/-\$909	\$29,608	+/-\$1,699	\$17,290	+/-\$605
United States	\$25,360	+/-\$104	\$31,183	+/-\$128	\$19,821	+/-\$199
Some college or associate's degree						
Kentucky	\$27,768	+/-\$1,053	\$36,585	+/-\$842	\$21,588	+/-\$704
United States	\$30,891	+/-\$107	\$37,883	+/-\$325	\$25,235	+/-\$1 <i>4</i> 6
Bachelor's degree	_					
Kentucky	\$38,141	+/-\$2,296	\$47,910	+/-\$2,883	\$30,557	+/-\$985
United States	\$42,404	+/-\$154	\$52,242	+/-\$216	\$35,195	+/-\$206
Graduate or professional degree						
Kentucky	\$45,891	+/-\$1,561	\$56,114	+/-\$6,665	\$40,159	+/-\$1,735
United States	\$55,065	+/-\$336	\$68,239	+/-\$868	\$46,004	+/-\$302

NOTE. Data are limited to the household population and exclude the population living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters. Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value.

